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FIELD-BIPOLAR PLATE ASSEMBLY
AND METHOD OF MAKING AND
COOLING A FUEL CELL STACK

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one-month, to and including January 15, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0225.NPUS01 for a one-month extension of time. Should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0225.NPUS01.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at 713-787-1558 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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